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New York, Oct. 31.—Every outgoing ship was searched today for a trace of Raymond Hitchcock, the comedian, who disappeared yesterday after the grand jury had returned six indictments charging him with a serious crime against young girls. Neither his wife nor his counsel profess knowledge of his whereabouts. It is presumed that the former, who was Flora Zabelle, will retire from the stage of the "Yankee Tourist" in which Hitchcock starred, while Hitchcock's understudy, Wallace Berry, is being featured in his place. It is said that Hitchcock left at the advice of friends, after vainly trying to exercise a political pull with the police.

The order, which required the officers to watch all outgoing trains and steamers, described the indicted man as about 40 years of age, with light hair and blue eyes.

Hitchcock was recently arrested on a similar charge and after preliminary examination in police court was released under \$5,000 bonds, pending a further hearing. Yesterday the girls, Edie Vocke, Helen Von Hagen and Flora Wish-ton, aged from 12 to 14, who figured in the original case, were taken before the grand jury. It was upon their testimony that the six indictments were returned.

Hitchcock has been playing the leading role at a Broadway theatre but did not appear at the matinee yesterday, and it was said that he had been dropped from the cast. His understudy, Walter Berry, who had never appeared except in the chorus, assumed the leading role, which he again took at last night's performance. The theatre management said that Hitchcock's name would not be on the bills after last night.

VOLCANO'S EXPLOSION
CAUSED CATASTROPHEAnd Not Earthquake and Mountain
Slide in Trans-Caucasian, As
First Reported.

Berlin, Oct. 31.—A volcanic explosion, not an earthquake, nor a mountain slide, annihilated Karatagh, according to advices received here from towns on the Trans-Caucasian, only 100 miles north of the scene of the disaster.

The latest version agrees with the first that the number of killed approximates 15,000 but it is generally believed that the figures are somewhat exaggerated. Karatagh's population is estimated at only 2,500, but the killed in the neighboring villages would swell the number. It is not yet known whether outer towns of importance are destroyed. The town stood over the crater of a volcano extinct since prehistoric times. The nature of the catastrophe is said to account for the almost unprecedented loss of life. Even the corpses were consumed.

TALKED TO THE JUDGE.

County Solicitor Connolly Had Some-
thing to Say, and Said It.

Portland, Me., Oct. 31.—"Your ruling in this case, Judge, was directly opposite to that which you gave in the case of the Forest City Express company, last week, and the only reason you gave it was because you were afraid of Judge Gardner Walker, and that's why you let all the others go. If it had been some old woman on trial, you would have convicted her on half the evidence."

This declaration was made by County Attorney Joseph E. F. Connolly yesterday to Judge John H. Hill of the municipal court in the presence of a score of attorneys in the court ante-chamber. Judge Hill replied that he did care to discuss the matter, that he was responsible for the ruling and he stood by it.

The incident followed the action of Judge Hill in discharging the managers of three express companies, from whom the quantities of flowers were seized yesterday. Gardner Walker, one of the managers, formerly was a county commissioner. Judge Hill discharged respondents, County Attorney Connolly announced that he would not prosecute the cases against four other express companies.

DEGREE OF DIVORCE GRANTED.

New York, Oct. 31.—An interlocutory decree of divorce was granted yesterday by Justice Davis to Mrs. Natalie C. Collins, from her husband, Charles G. Collins, former captain of the 68th New York Highlanders.

A couple became acquainted at the residence of George Gould, at Lakewood, N. Y., and later became engaged at Gibraltar. They were married in California, started on a tour of the world, then at Honolulu. They have been about 15 months old. Natalie Schuch was well known in Newport society.

Elected President.

New York, Oct. 31.—A. N. Burbank, who was first vice-president and treasurer of the International Paper company, yesterday was elected president of the company, succeeding Hugh J. Clark, who yesterday was elected chairman of the board of directors. Mr. Burbank's residence is in the city of New York. F. Underwood was elected general manager.

DEPLORABLE STATE
OF AFFAIRS IN BOSTONSenator Lodge Made Startling Statement
at a Republican Rally in Chelsea,
Mass., Last Night.

Boston, Oct. 31.—Senator Henry Cabot Lodge touched upon the surplus in the treasury at Washington, the New York financial stringency and Boston city government affairs at a Republican rally in Chelsea last night. He said in part:

"You may recall that Mr. Roberts, the treasurer formerly of the United States, published an article about the great wrong of the surplus. Mr. Roberts was in a state of mind because revenues of the United States for the last fiscal year showed a surplus of \$90,000,000.

"I now want you to consider what I then said in the light of very recent events. There was a great panic in New York last week. The tide of failure was standing at the crest, and the secretary of the treasury, whose conduct in that great crisis cannot be too highly praised, how did he do it? By advancing to the banks many millions of money from the treasury of the United States. How did it happen to have that money in the treasury? Because the United States has a surplus. How much money would he have advanced if we had had a deficit in our revenues and there had been no surplus in the treasury?"

Denouncing the city government of Boston, Senator Lodge said:

"The condition of Boston under the present city administration is deplorable. Boston, if an ordinary business corporation, would be in the hands of a receiver and there is every reason to believe from the revelations already made by the finance commission that there is a great deal of corruption in the city government."

NOT TRYING SUICIDE,
ONLY VERY ILLDenial That Frank McKee Tried to Make
Way With Himself in New York
Yesterday.

New York, Oct. 31.—Nervous breakdown caused Frank McKee, an uncle of Benjamin McKee, who was first known as the White House "Baby McKee," to be placed in the psychopathic ward at Bellevue last night. He will be detained from the family in Indianapolis.

McKee, who has been in ill health, collapsed upon learning of the death of a relative in Indianapolis. His subsequent condition was such that it was necessary to restrain him from inflicting injuries upon himself. Benjamin Harrison McKee, who is a student at Yale, was communicated with and later replied that he was attempting to notify his father.

J. R. McKee issued a statement last night denying that his brother attempted suicide. He said that the man suffered a nervous attack resulting from the recent, committal condition, and his condition had been aggravated by the intelligence of the death of a brother in the west. The nurse, he said, became unduly alarmed, and called in the police.

"UNCHRISTIAN AND UNCIVILIZED."

Is Foot Ball, According to the Opinion
of Illinois Attorney.

Kankakee, Ill., Oct. 31.—Charging that foot ball is prize fighting, Attorney S. R. Moore filed a bill in the circuit court yesterday for an injunction restraining high school students from playing the game. Moore declared that F. N. Tracy, superintendent of public schools, and L. W. Smith, high school principal, have aided and abetted prize fighting among students; that the game of foot ball not only injures but demoralizes the student body; that the members of the team use profanity on the field, and that the game is "degrading, uncivilized, un-American, unchristian and uncivilized."

The case will probably be heard next Tuesday.

WANTED FOR BIGAMY.

Expressman in Lynn Arrested By Bing-
hamton Officers.

Lynn, Mass., Oct. 31.—George W. Boardman, aged 35, employed by a local express company for the past two years, was arrested here yesterday as a fugitive from justice by officers from Binghamton, N. Y. The warrant held by Binghamton officers charges that on August 3, 1904, at Binghamton Boardman married Nora Eleanor Baker while he had another wife living.

It is alleged that Boardman was named as co-respondent in a divorce suit brought by Fred Clark at Catskill two years ago and that at that time one woman living in Buffalo and another in Auburn came forward and each claimed Boardman as her husband.

RECEIVERS FOR CAR CO.

Could Not Make Prompt Collections
From The Railroads.

Baltimore, Oct. 31.—Application was made in the United States circuit court yesterday for the appointment of receivers for the South Baltimore Steel Car & Foundry company, by Bond, Robinson & Duffy, attorneys for the Maryland Car Wheel company.

The papers in the case were taken by the lawyers to Judge T. M. Morris' residence for him to sign, but it was said at the law office of Bond, Robinson & Duffy that receivers will be appointed at once because the South Baltimore company intended to consent to the proceeding.

In Hands of a Receiver.

Dayton, O., Oct. 31.—The Friend Paper company of West Carrollton, a suburb of Dayton, was placed in the hands of a receiver yesterday afternoon on application of its president, J. Howard Friend. The petition states that the company has debts aggregating one million dollars and that the petitioner is surety on sixty-two notes aggregating \$3,000. Further averment is made that the stringency in the money market renders the payment of these notes impossible at present. The receivership is resorted to as a protection measure to shield the property from attacks of small creditors. The company, it is stated, is entirely solvent, and is doing a prosperous business.

TAKEN DOWN
BY LADDERSSeveral Guests Had Narrow
Escapes in Dover, N. H.,

AMERICAN HOUSE FIRE

The Flames Broke Out at 1:35 This
Morning, Driving People to the
Street in Disarray—None
Known to Have Been Hurt.

Dover, N. H., Oct. 31.—Fire broke out in the American house, the principal hotel in Dover, at 1:35 o'clock this morning and a number of the guests narrowly escaped with their lives. Four of the guests were taken down the ladders by firemen, and a fifth inmate, Christopher Jackson, of the American Express company, was carried out. None of the fire was injured.

The fire started in the basement of the hotel and rapidly spread throughout the lower portion of the building. When the firemen arrived the house was completely filled with smoke, and it was with difficulty that many of the guests, nearly all of whom were asleep, escaped. The fire was discovered by Mrs. James E. Lathrop, one of the inmates, who smelled smoke and quickly aroused the employees.

The hotel was a three-story building with two annexes and is of wood and brick. The house is situated on Central avenue, near Third street, and is owned by Col. Adams, T. Price and Thomas Cushman.

The hotel was well filled with guests, and a few of them had time to put on their street clothing.

DETECTIVES GO A ONE.

Attleboro, Mass., Jewelry Firms Had
Been Missing Much Jewelry.

North Attleboro, Mass., Oct. 31.—For some months a systematic robbery of jewelry firms in Attleboro and North Attleboro has been going on, resulting in thousands of dollars of loss, as a result of which detectives were set to work and last night the first arrest was made. George Thibodeau, formerly a bartender in Pawtucket, who has been employed by the G. R. Webster company since March, was placed under arrest, charged with the robbery of silver jewelry, the arrest being made by Detective Goldswold of Pawtucket.

The officers put Thibodeau through the first degree last night, and they claim that he not only confessed to taking \$50,000 of jewelry from the G. R. Webster company, but also revealed the hiding place of a valuable amount of jewelry stolen from the M. O. Draper estate and the Bay State Optical company.

TURNING OFF MEN
ON WESTERN ROADS

Several Thousands on Construction Work
Will Be Discharged Today and
Tomorrow—The Reasons Given
Out By Railroads.

Portland, Oregon, Oct. 31.—Practically all work on the Harriman lines in the west has been ordered stopped. In Nevada men will be laid off tonight; in Oregon and Idaho tomorrow. "The Rock Island" had reduced its force by 2,500; the Union Pacific by 4,000. No effort will be made to complete several important pieces under way by shortening force for the time being. An order issued today by General Manager J. O. O'Brien, to take effect Nov. 1, says financial conditions necessitate the move.

May Follow in The East.

Chicago, Oct. 31.—Despite denials by the Pennsylvania R. R. officials of the Chicago railroad men believe that along the lines of retrenchment started by the Harriman lines will be taken up by Eastern roads within the next few days. The maintenance crews of the Rock Island will not be disturbed by the order reducing the construction forces.

EFFECT IN VERMONT.

Several Copper Mines in This State
Have Shut Down.

Bradford, Oct. 31.—The drop in the price of copper and the general dullness of the market has affected the Vermont mines and those in this vicinity have shut down. The Pike Hill mine near Corinth, which employs about sixty men, has been closed and the men are out of work.

No time is set for a re-opening of the mines, it being stated that this depends upon the market. If it returns to normal conditions, the shutdown will not be for long, but if the prices remain at the present low ebb and the demand for copper does not increase, the effect is expected to be long and spread to all of the mines in the state, of which there are several which, taken collectively, yield a large supply of copper.

The Smith and Higley mines near here, employing about the same number of operatives as the Pike Hill mine, are also indefinitely closed.

FOUND 48 COWS DISEASED.

Mrs. Reilly's Herd of 48 Almost All
Had Tuberculosis.

Sheldon, Oct. 31.—Following the testing of Mrs. J. D. Reilly's herd of 48 cows Tuesday, 43 were killed yesterday. Several cows have died here lately and it was thought best to have the herd examined for tuberculosis. Dr. J. C. Parker of St. Albans administered the tuberculin test yesterday and all but five of the herd were found to be affected. Mrs. Reilly has conducted a dairy farm, the milk from which has been taken by a local creamery.

ILLEGAL KILLING.

Reports Already Made to Commissioner
Thomas at Stowe.

Stowe, Oct. 31.—No estimate can yet be made as to how many deer were killed during the open season. Reports of illegal killing are one each from Northfield, Windor, Underhill, East Warren, Starksboro, East Middlebury, Milton, two each in Salisbury, Jericho and Franklin, and eight in Arlington.

THROWING BLAME
ON DEAD WOMANFairbank's Lawyers Trying to Show
That Wounds on Her Head Could
Not Have Been Self-Inflicted.

Brattleboro, Oct. 31.—By means of a radiograph picture showing the course of the bullet down the center of the skull to break down the theory of self-infliction, Fairbanks on the night when he is said to have murdered Mary Grout, and with the aid of a considerable amount of telling testimony relative to the unbalanced mental condition of the respondent for several years previous to the shooting, the attorneys for the accused today yesterday another strong plank to the defensive structure which they are building for the support of their client.

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STANLEY—WHITCOMB.

Barre Young Lady a Bride in Pretty
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A very pretty wedding occurred at three o'clock yesterday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred N. Whitcomb of North Main street, when their daughter, Bernice Lou, was united in marriage to Howard Francis Stanley of Paoli, South Carolina, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stanley of Essex Junction.

The room in which the ceremony was performed was prettily decorated with ferns, evergreen and oak leaves. The bride entered with her father, to the strains of Rubenstein's wedding march, played by Allen Stanley of Essex Junction, sister of the groom. Her gown was white silk crepe de chine, trimmed with duchess lace over white tulle, and she carried lilacs of the valley. She was attended by her sister, Bernice Whitcomb, who wore pink silk chiffon and carried pink roses. The groom was attended by Chester Stanley of Worcester, Mass., a brother.

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Michael Heron made his fourth appearance this summer before Judge Smith and pleading guilty to a subsequent offense was sentenced to the county jail for 30 days and to stand committed until the costs are paid. Heron said he got a stranger to buy his liquor for him. He was arrested at 12:00 o'clock this morning by Officer Gamble, who found him asleep on the ground on North Main street.

NORTHFIELD WOMAN
ATTACHES SCHOOL

Mrs. Mary A. Gould Sues Jordan Hall in
St. Albans, But Wants the
School Continued.

St. Albans, Oct. 31.—Mrs. Mary A. Gould of Northfield has served a writ of attachment on the entire property of Jordan Hall, a military school for boys which was opened here last September, in order to protect her private interests, it being understood that the finances are somewhat unsettled. The amount mentioned in the writ is \$30,000.

The head master of the school, C. L. Jordan, left the city a short time ago, but a letter has been received from him, dated in Boston, saying that he has consulted an attorney and is trying to raise the funds necessary to pay it up. He also said that he was to return this morning to St. Albans, but has not come yet. The school is open as usual, with the exception that Head Master Jordan's classes are not being held. Mrs. Gould desires that the school be continued, and it is likely that such will be followed out, only under a new head master.

BURNED THROUGH ROOF.

But The Blaze Was Quickly Squelched
By Chemical Engine.

The fire department was notified at 5:10 yesterday afternoon of a fire in the part of the Vermont Granite company's shed occupied by Valz Brothers. The fire started from an overheated stovepipe in a room over the office which is used for storing papers and plans. When the chemical arrived upon the scene the fire had burned through the roof and the plan was quickly extinguished. The damage will not exceed \$50.

DANCE FOR BASE BALL.

Knights of Columbus Held a Very Suc-
cessful Affair Last Night.

A very enjoyable and successful dance was held in the E. of C. hall last evening under the auspices of the Knights of Columbus. Preceding the dance, a splendid concert was given, all of the members on the programme being especially well rendered. The programme was as follows: Overture, Gilbertson's orchestra; recitation, Miss Helen Brown; song, James Donnell; cornet solo, W. J. Gilbertson; vocal solo, Miss Rose Cook; vocal solo, William Robertson. There were about 75 couples of dancers present and the dancing was concluded at midnight. The committee which had the affair in charge was composed of William Riley, A. J. Gravelin, John Hardigan and Roy Hadican. The proceeds of the dance go to the support of the ball team and the team intends to give several more of these dances during the winter.

IN HONOR OF GUEST.